

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached drawing sheet includes a change to Figs. 3A and 3B. This sheet replaces the original sheet containing Figs. 3A, 3B and 3C.

In Figs. 3A and 3B, the line indicating the upper limit of the thickness T_2 has been redrawn.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Summary of Amendments

Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled.

Claims 1-4, which have allowed, remain as they were pending the Office's August 19, 2008 action. That is, claims 1-3 remain in their original form as filed, while claim 4 remains as modified by Applicant's February 14, 2006 preliminary amendment to eliminate its multiple dependency.

In the specification, the title has been revised as required by the Examiner.

Drawings

A drawing replacement sheet attached to this paper corrects Figs. 3A and 3B, as required by the Examiner, by a redrawing of the line indicating the upper limit of the thickness T_2 so that the line is in the correct position, on par with the upper side of the spacers 12.

Specification

The title has been amended as required by the Examiner, although the amended title is slightly altered syntactically over the revised title kindly suggested by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under § 112 for indefiniteness. Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled, thus rendering this rejection moot.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 6,172,382 to Nagahama et al. As just noted in addressing the § 112 rejection, claims 5 and 6 have been canceled, rendering moot this rejection as well.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 1-4 are allowed, and appreciates the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter.

Conclusion

Inasmuch as the claims that remain pending have been allowed, this application should be in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested and the issuance of a Notice of Allowability at an early date is solicited.

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